GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Registration and Stamps – Surprise check conducted on 09.09.2019, on the Joint Sub-registrar Office, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam District - Allegation of corruption & criminal misconduct against the staff of S.R.O office, Gajuwaka - Initiation of Disciplinary Proceedings against Sri P.Someswara Rao, Sub-Registrar Grade-II, O/o. JSR, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Articles of Charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.436 Dated:16.05.2024
Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.189, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, Dated:27.07.2021.

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O R D E R :

It is considered necessary to hold an enquiry against Sri P.Someswara Rao, Sub-Registrar Grade-II, O/o. Joint Sub Registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the said rules.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and the imputation of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of dccuments by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri P.Someswara Rao, Sub-Registrar Grade-II, O/o. Joint Sub Registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam is directed to submit his written statement of defence, within ten days of the receipt of this Order.

4. Sri P.Someswara Rao, Sub-Registrar Grade-II, O/o. Joint Sub Registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri P.Someswara Rao, Sub-Registrar Grade-II, O/o. Joint Sub Registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri P.Someswara Rao, Sub-Registrar Grade-II, O/o. Joint Sub Registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.Someswara Rao, Sub-Registrar Grade-II, O/o. JSR, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam
(through the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam *with a request to serve the G.O, to the individual and furnish the served copy with dated acknowledgement for record).*
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam.
Copy to:
The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
Copy to:
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, APVC, Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Sf/Sc.

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ANNEXURE–I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. SOMESWARA RAO, S/O. LATE DEMULLU, 65 YRS., WORKED AS SUB-REGISTRAR GRADE-2, (NOW RETIRED), O/O. THE JOINT SUB-REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, GAJUWAKA, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT.

That Sri P. Someswara Ra, S/o. Late Demullu, 65 yrs., worked as Sub-Registrar Grade-2, (Now Retired), O/o. the Jt. Sub-Registrar's Office, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam District (herein after referred as Government Servant) while functioning as such during the period from 17.07.2017 to 15.08.2017 (deputation period) committed grave misconduct in as much as:

ARTCILE-I:

That the Government Servant (now retired) allowed two unauthorized persons i.e., Kum. P. Girija and Kum. Budi Swapna to work in SRO Office, Gajuwaka.

Sri P. Someswara Ra, S/o. Late Demullu, 65 yrs., worked as Sub-Registrar Grade-2, (Now Retired), O/o. the Jt. Sub-Registrar's Office, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam District by him above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government Servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and there by violated/contravened Rules 3(1) & 3(2) of AP Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 r/w 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. SOMESWARA RAO, S/O. LATE DEMULLU, 65 YRS., WORKED AS SUB-REGISTRAR GRADE-2, (NOW RETIRED), O/O. THE JOINT SUB-REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, GAJUWAKA, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT.

Sri P. Someswara Ra, S/o. Late Demullu is native of Vommavaram Village, Visakhapatnam District. His date of birth is 01.07.1958. He entered into Government service on 31.01.1983 AN as Junior Assistant (Allotted by APPSC) at SRO, Yelamanchili, Visakhapatnam District and worked upto 03.05.1983. He underwent training for 3 months at District Registrar's Office, Visakhapatnam from 04.05.1983 to 03.08.1983. On that he worked as Jr. Asst. at SRO, Yelamanchili, Visakhapatnam from 04.08.1983 to 07.02.1984. On that he worked in the same capacity at O/o. District Registrar, Visakhapatnam from 13.02.1984 to 13.06.1986. On that he worked in the same capacity at SRO, Yelamanchili, Visakhapatnam from 17.06.1986 to 01.07.1989. On that he worked in the same capacity at SRO, Anakapalli, Visakhapatnam from 05.07.1989 to 24.10.1989. Later he got promotion as Sr. Asst. and worked as such at O/o. District Registrar, Visakhapatnam from 25.10.1989 to 25.07.1990 On that he worked in the same capacity at SRO, Anakapalli, Visakhapatnam from 26.07.1990 to 15.06.1993. On that he worked in the same capacity at SRO, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam from 15.06.1993 to 06.09.1995. Later he worked as Sub-registrar Gr-II at SRO, K-Kotapadu from 07.09.1995 to 08.11.1995. On that he worked in the same capacity at SRO, Gajapathi Nagaram, Vizianagaram from 08.11.1995 to 31.12.1995. On that he worked as Sr. Asst. at SRO, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam from 10.01.1996 to 06.05.1996. On that he worked in the same capacity at SRO, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam from 07.06.1996 to 26.11.1999. Later he worked as Sub-registrar Gr-II at SRO, Kotabommali, Srikakulam Dist. from 27.11.1999 to 17.03.2000. On that he worked in the same capacity at SRO, Ponduru, Srikakulam from 18.03.2000 to 20.08.2003. On that he worked in the same capacity at SRO, Kotavuratla, Visakhapatnam Dist. from 21.08.2003 to 28.04.2006. On that he worked in the same capacity at SRO, Sompeta, Srikakulam from 28.04.2006 to 07.02.2008. On that he worked in the same capacity at SRO, Sabbavaram, Anakapalli Regn. District from 11.02.2008 to 27.06.2011. On that he worked as Asst. Registrar of Chits at Vizianagaram from 03.07.2011 to 08.08.2013. On that he worked as Sub-Registrar Gr-II at SRO, Ranasthalam, Srikakulam Dist. from 10.08.2013 to 01.10.2014. On that he worked in the same capacity at SRO, Palakonda, Srikakulam Dist. From 01.10.2014 to 01.06.2018, during the period he worked as Sub-Registrar, Gr-II at SRO, Gajuwaka from 17.07.2017 to 15.08.2017 on deputation (During the period the allegation pertains to). He is retired on attaining age of superannuation on 30.06.2018. He is here-after referred as Government Servant (Now Retired).

CHARGE-I:

That the Government Servant (now retired) allowed two unauthorized persons i.e., Kum. P. Girija and Kum. Budi Swapna to work in SRO Office, Gajuwaka.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

On credible information that the Joint Sub-Registrar, Gajuwaka and the staff of S.R.O. office, Gajuwaka were indulging in corrupt practices by collecting bribe amounts from the general public, who are approaching their office for registration of documents and other official works, through document writers, Assistant document writers and Other private persons, the Inspector of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam along with mediators and ACB Staff conducted surprise check on the Joint Sub-registrar Office, Gajuwaka from 17.30 hours on 09.09.2019 to 02.45 hours on 10.09.2019.

During surprise check Kum. Polisetty Girija and Kum. Budi Swapna were found working in the SRO office and on examination.

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Kum. Polisetti Girija stated that she is residing along with her family members at Srinagar, Dibbapalem, Visakhapatnam. She studied Inter (MPC group) in Chaitanya Women College, Old Gajuwaka. She is working in SRO office situated at Sheela Nagar, Visakhapatnam since 2 years and at present she was looking after the filing work of various documents in SRO Office. Her elder brother Sri P.Raju who is working as Asst. Document writer under Nanaji employed her through the then SRO Venkaiah Naidu. She is receiving her salary of Rs.3,500/- per month from SROs.

Kum. Budi Swapna stated that she has been residing along with her family members at Harijana Jaggayyapalem, Visakhapatnam. She studied Polytechnic Diploma(ECE branch) in Sai Ganapathi Polytechnic College, Anandapuram. She is working in SRO office situated at Sheela Nagar, Visakhapatnam since 2017 and at present she is looking after the work of generation of check slip in computer system. As usual, on the day of surprise check i.e. on 9.9.2019 while she was attending her regular duty, at about 5 p.m., the ACB officials came into the SRO office Gajuwaka etc. facts. She is receiving an amount of Rs.7,000/- as salary per month from SROs.

Hence, the charge against the Government Servant that allowed two unauthorized persons i.e., Kum. P. Girija and Kum. Budi Swapna to work in SRO Office, Gajuwaka, Vishakhapatnam, is held substantiated.

Thus, Government Servant Sri P. Someswara Ra, S/o. Late Demullu, 65 yrs., worked as Sub-Registrar Grade-2, (Now Retired), O/o. the Jt. Sub-Registrar's Office, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam District by the above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rules 3(1) & 3(2) of AP Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 r/w 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

Thus, Government Servant (now retired) rendered himself liable for regular departmental enquiry.

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ANNEXURE –III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. SOMESWARA RAO, WORKED AS SUB-REGISTRAR GRADE-2, (NOW RETIRED), O/O. THE JOINT SUB-REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, GAJUWAKA, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

Documentary Evidence:

The following is the documentary evidence available to substantiate the allegation.

Charge-I:

1. Surprise Check proceedings dated 09.09.2019 drafted at the O/o. Joint Sub-Registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam District.
2. Any other documents to be filed at the time of enquiry.

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ANNEXURE –IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. SOMESWARA RAO, WORKED AS SUB-REGISTRAR GRADE-2, (NOW RETIRED), O/O. THE JOINT SUB-REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, GAJUWAKA, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

ORAL EVIDENCE:

The following oral evidence is available on record.

Charge-I:

1. Sri Thota Venkata Satyanarayana, S/o. Late Ananda Rao, 57 years, Asst. Engineer, GVMC, Zone-III, Main officer, GVMC, VSP.R/o: Flat No. 203, Sri laxmi Towers-3, Sujata Nagar, Pendurthy, Visakhapatnam. (Mediator-I)
2. Sri Mugada Raju S/o. Appa Rao, 40 years, Senior Assistant, Main Office, GVMC, VSP, R/o D.No.30-4-7, Krishna Garden, Visakhapatnam. (Mediator-II).
3. Kum. Polisetti Girija D/o. Paid Raju, 20 yrs., filing work of various documents (unauthorized person) in Gajuwaka SRO office, Sheela Nagar R/o Plot No.216, Srinagar, Dibbapalem, Visakhapatnam.
4. Kum. Budi Swapna, D/o. Sanyasi Naidu, 20 yrs., computer operator i.e. generation of check slip in computer system (unauthorized person) in Gajuwaka SRO office, R/o. Diary hospital Road, beside Govt. School, Harijana Jaggayyapalem, Visakhapatnam.
5. Sri K. Ranga Raju, Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Srikakulam, I/c. Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam Range.
6. Sri M.V. Ramana Murthy, Inspector of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam Range.
7. Sri Y.K. Kishore Kumar, Inspector of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam Range.
8. Any other witness to be mentioned at the time of enquiry.

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